

Alpha Department

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

County Workers Will Meet in Alpha October 29th.

The convention of the Sunday School workers of Iron county will be held in Alpha on Monday, October 29, and it is expected to bring to this village a large number of people from all over the county.

The delegates will be looked after by a committee of the Sunday School workers of Alpha and every attention will be given them so that they may be comfortable. Entertainment will be furnished free to all delegates and the matter of finding accommodations is now being attended to by the committee having that work in hand.

The program of the convention is as follows:

Monday Morning, October 29.

10:00—Reception, registration and assignment of delegates.

10:30—Devotional and song service.

10:30—Words of welcome, Reverend Hughes.

10:40—Response, Mrs. McMurtchle.

10:50—Appointment of committees.

11:00—The biggest enterprise in Iron county. Rev. E. I. Hamlin.

Monday Afternoon.

1:30—Committee meetings.

2:00—Service of song and prayer.

2:15—What can the Sunday school do to prevent juvenile delinquency. Rev. Milton Bennett.

2:30—Enlisting and training teachers, E. K. Mohr.

2:45—Discussion by delegates.

3:00—Evangelism in the Sunday school, E. K. Mohr.

3:15—Discussion by delegates.

3:30—The Sunday school in the fight, D. M. Ross.

3:45—The relationship of the Sunday school and the public school, Geo. Bishop.

3:45—A model organized girls' class, Miss Crowley.

4:15—The social life of the Sunday school, H. J. Sopler.

4:30—Discussion by delegates.

4:45—The home department, Reverend Coombs.

5:00—The cradle roll, Mrs. Henry Oates.

5:15—Jesus, the great teacher, Rev. Carlson.

5:30—The Question box, E. K. Mohr.

5:45—Reports from schools.

6:00—Reports of committees.

Monday Evening.

7:30—Song service.

7:45—Devotional.

8:00—Special music, Evelyn Olson.

8:15—Address, E. K. Mohr.

TO PLAY BASKETBALL.

The True Blues met with Oswald Peters last Wednesday night with 15 boys present. A very interesting evening was spent and among the new projects taken up by this group of boys was that of forming a basketball team. Basketball is a form of winter sport that the boys like very much and they intend to organize a team that will be heard from.

The boys also agreed among themselves to collect for the homeless children at the Good Will Farm and work upon this collection will commence very soon.

BASKET SOCIAL.

In addition to the entertainment and art exhibit there will be given at the Porter school on Friday evening, October 26, an old-fashioned basket social. The social will be given in the Domestic Science room of the school and those having the plans in hand are figuring on one of the best socials ever given in Alpha.

The proceeds from this social will be devoted to the art fund, the same as will be the proceeds from the exhibit.

Miss Evelyn Uren has made application to headquarters to be commissioned to have charge of a group of Camp Fire girls which is to be organized here very soon.

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ACCEPTED NELSON'S OFFER.

Alpha Commercial Club Will Have a Home Very Soon.

At the meeting of the Alpha Commercial club held last Tuesday evening it was decided to accept the proposal of Knud Nelson to erect a home for the club and work will commence upon the building right away.

Mr. Nelson expects to have the building completed in three weeks after the work starts. Its location will be west of the Kazelik garage. The building will be of the bungalow style with wide porch in front. The dimensions of the building are 24x32 with the main assembly room 15x22. There will be three rooms in the building, a kitchen, den and main assembly room.

The method of heating has not been decided upon yet, but it is thought that a furnace will be put in.

The only other matter taken up by the club was the sending of Christmas boxes to the boys at the front. A box will be sent to each one of the boys who have gone to Alpha. Work will be started on this at once as it is necessary to get some of them started by October 27th in order to get them to the front in France.

A HARD TIMES PARTY.

A series of dances given by the Commercial club have become popular with young people from all over the county.

The next dance, Saturday evening, October 27, will be in the nature of a Hard Times Party and it is expected all the patrons of the dance will appear in the oldest and most nondescript apparel they possess. It is proposed by the committee to exact a small fine from each person who appears in his best bib and tucker, or who displays any jewelry, for this party, insofar as appearances go, is to be all its name implies.

The committee having the dance in charge, is composed of the Messrs. Mendelson, Harr, Hubbard and Voelker and these gentlemen are working to make the effort a splendid success for all who attend.

The music will be furnished by the Wolverine orchestra and the tickets will be priced at \$1 per couple.

DEL MAR QUARTET.

The Del Mar Quartette is one of the most popular companies in Lyceum work. They are not only attractive young women on the stage, but decidedly clever. Their program consists of both instrumental and vocal numbers and they are able to offer a great deal of variety because of the versatility possessed by each member and by the aid of beautiful costuming. Alpha, October 23rd.

ALPHA M. E. CHURCH.

Preaching 10:30.
Sunday school 11:30.
Epworth League 6:30.
Preaching 7:30.

The Epworth League is a new organization, but is already popular with the young people.

ALPHA LOCAL NEWS.

The boys' potato club is very active just now. The boys have harvested their crop and are now getting their essays and reports for the convention which is to meet in Crystal Falls the middle of November. The showing of the boys' club is very good. Each boy was given three rows 200 feet in length. Different varieties of potatoes were furnished to each boy and the yields were closely checked. The six boys harvested crops as follows: 1st, 7 bu.; 2nd, 7½ bu.; 3rd, 8 bu.; 4th, 8½ bu.; 5th, 9 bu., and the 6th 10½ bu. The Green Mountains showed up the best with a yield of 10½. Mr. Bishop had a portion of the tract also and counting in his potatoes the club harvested from a little less than one-half acre just eighty-five bushels of fine potatoes.

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ART EXHIBIT NEXT WEEK.

People of Alpha Have a Treat in Store for Them in Picture Line.

The art exhibit which has been arranged for by the Porter school will take place in the assembly room of the school building on Wednesday Thursday and Friday evenings, October 24-27. The picture of the beautiful collection will be hung on the walls of the room for inspection and study and representatives of the school will be on hand to explain each picture.

The exhibit consists of one of the finest collection of pictures ever exhibited in the upper peninsula. It contains some gems, the originals of which brought thousands of dollars when they were put up for sale.

In addition to the art exhibit there will be an entertainment by the pupils of the Porter school that will be well worth the price of admission which is 15c, the money obtained to be used in buying pictures for the school rooms.

A program of the entertainment is as follows:

Girls' Chorus—"The Sea King's Bride."

Vocal Solo—Geo. B. Lemmen.

Tableaux—Inter-Grades.

Instrumental Duet—Misses Pen-glase.

Sailor Song—Sixth and Seventh Grade Boys.

Declamation—"The Landing of the Pilgrims."

Violin Solo—Miss Murray.

Art Lecture—Mr. Bishop.

Folk Dance—Prim. Grades.

Vocal Duet—Misses Wright.

Tableaux—Grammar Grades.

Eight and Ninth Grade Chorus—Huber Fairies Trip.

ALPHA LOCAL NEWS.

Miss DeBoeth of the state agricultural college corps was in Alpha during the week conferring with Miss Butler with a view of forming a class in household economics among the pupils of the eighth and ninth grades. The course followed this winter will be the regular course laid out by the United States authorities and this will be followed up next summer by a course in canning.

Dr. Edwards has been retained by the Mastodon Board of Education to supervise the health of the children in the schools of the township the coming year. His work was so exceptionally well done last year, as is shown by an exhaustive report made by him to the board, that that body felt the continuance of a physician's service is absolutely necessary. A scale and measuring device was secured by the board and added to the apparatus of the medical department during the week.

The new school house in the farming settlement south of Alpha is roofed in and the workmen will be busy on inside work from now on. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy very soon now, and as a sort of an opening Professor Bishop intends to have a community gathering at which a feed will be given to the pupils and parents and speeches will be made by the school officers and others. A completed program of this affair will be published later on.

Six boys took the tenderfoot examination for admission into the boy scouts last week. They are in a hurry to get in and have their chance to initiate some more tenderfeet.

A company of boy scouts is to be organized in Alpha right away with Rev. John Hughes, who is a fully commissioned scoutmaster, in charge.

There was a flag-raising at the Pentoga school last week which was attended by Prof. Bishop.

ABOUT NIGHT SCHOOL.

Requests Have Been Made to Start Work Again This Year.

A number of requests have been made to the authorities for the resumption of work in the night schools that was attempted last year and which petered out towards the last end of the school year because of a lack of interest. When the subject was broached last year Prof. Bishop took it in hand in his usual energetic manner. He pushed it along very successfully and had a registered attendance of over 90 night pupils. The work became too heavy for Professor Bishop and to relieve him of some of it the board of education appointed a special instructor.

Evidently the night pupils wanted Prof. Bishop as the attendance began



Del Mar Quartet, who will visit Alpha on October 23rd

to dwindle very soon after the change and it kept on dwindling until the board decided to abandon the class entirely.

The mining companies are anxious that their employees shall have an opportunity to attend a night school and they, as well as the men themselves, are seeking to have the work re-started and a course laid out for winter. The board of education will probably take up this matter at its next meeting.

LECTURE ON INDIA.

On Monday evening, October 29 there will be a lecture by Dr.

known as "The Man From India" at the Porter school. The subject of the lecture will be "India", and as the lecturer has had a wide acquaintance with that country and its people, it is expected that the lecture will prove a treat.

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The ladies' aid society met last Thursday in its regular bi-weekly sessions.

The Alpha ladies are supposed to bring with them to the school house for the basket social a basket or box containing a lunch.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gaston has been quite ill during the week, but at this writing is much better.

The ladies of the Red Cross are hustling their work along and report meeting with a very hearty response from all sides.

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Story Is Told of the Experience of Late Major Archibald Butt With a Cargo of Oats.

Truly, there is nothing new under the sun. Here's the good ship Ponhook, carrying a fine cargo of dried codfish from where there is ample codfish to where the hungry natives are yearning for codfish. She springs a seam, in flows the Atlantic. The codfish drink copiously and swell up, the straining timbers cannot stand the strain and the Ponhook goes to pieces. A yarn of the son of the true salty flavor, but is the incident a good one? Not at all, says the New London Day. They used to tell a story in Washington years ago about the late Maj. Archibald W. Butt and his cargo of oats that makes the tale of the Ponhook sound like plagiarism.

In those days Archie was not a major, neither had he attained to the proud position of military aide to the president of the United States. He had been a newspaper man and had but lately entered the army as a lieutenant in the quartermaster's department. His first "assignment" was to chaperon a cargo of oats from San Francisco to Manila on one of those weird transports which the government always managed to find in some out-of-the-way dock in Spanish war times. Half way to Guam the old tub shipped a heavy sea and a couple of tons of water sluiced into the hold. It was what the oats needed. They sopped it up and called for more. They became insistent. Their impatience burst all bounds, until the ship couldn't hold them. They swelled and swelled, and finally sprouted.

When the young quartermaster reached Manila finally he had no cargo of oats, but he had a splendid farm. Oats were growing out of the hatch, they climbed the masts, they festooned about the bridge, they burst through every seam and hung down the sides of the ship like an Illinois quarter section afloat. The army authorities at Manila canceled an order for a new machine gun and ordered a couple of reapers. And Archie Butt didn't know whether he would be court-martialed or be secretary of agriculture. Talk about codfish.

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